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- The Soviet army is storing gunpowder in an underground depot between Paengma (Hakuba) (124-34, 40-04) and Yangsi (Yoshi) (124-28, 40-00) in North Pyongan (Heian) Province. This underground depot was constructed before World War II by the Japanese army in North Korea.
- Recently, the Soviet authorities sent a large amount of munitions to Sindo (Shinto) (124-14, 39-48). These munitions were later transported by fishing boats to Taedasado (Tashito) (124-26, 39-47), from where they were distributed to various army bases in North Korea.
- In the middle of September 1948, the Soviet garrison unit (designation unknown) at Aoji (Agochi) (130-25, 42-30) was replaced by the 27 Regiment and sent to an unknown destination.
- The highway between Aoji and Vladivostok is being repaired by laborers conscripted from the North Korea-USSR border area. Soviet military supplies are now being transported from Aoji to Vladivostok on this highway.

The Soviet 37, 47, 57 and 67 Regiments are now being evacuated to the USSR. The Soviet 17, 27 and 77 Regiments will be the last three regiments to leave North 25X1X Korea. (Comment. According to 50-111061 the Soviet 47 Air Regiment was in Sinuiju in August 1947. SO-5072 reported the Soviet 37 Infantry Regiment in Yugoslavia in January 1947. The other units listed here have not been reported by this office; the fact that the numerical designations all end in 7 casts some doubt as to the validity of the information.)

At a recent meeting of Soviet and North Korean military authorities in Lyongyang, the Soviet representatives requested 3,000,000 (?) catties of rice from the North Korean People's Republic in exchange for an undetermined number of weapons.

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- 7. Soviet army units stationed between Pyongyang and Sinuiju (Shingishu) (124-24, 40-06), between Pyongyang and Manpojin (Mampochin) (126-18, 41-10) and between Pyongyang and Wonsan (Genzan) (127-26, 39-10) have been moved from the small villages to the large towns along these railroad lines.
- 8. In August 1948, the Soviet army turned over to the North Korean People's Army five tanks of undetermined size, seven or eight trucks and 100 drums of gasoline. All this equipment had been stored by the Soviet army in an underground depot at Sopo (Saiho) (125-44, 39-06), built by the Japanese army during World War II.
- 9. The North Korean authorities have ordered every township in North Korea to give one cow, one pig and one sheep as "farewell gifts" to the Soviet troops when they leave North Korea.

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